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**PUBLIC
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UPDATE**

**“By making the
COPS program
permanent, SB 823
will ensure that the
COPS program
remains a successful
crime prevention
tool for local law
enforcement.”**

-Chuck Poochigian

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Senator Charles S. Poochigian



Capitol Update

COPS AND CRIME PREVENTION FUNDING *RECEIVES SENATE APPROVAL*

Today the Senate unanimously approved Senate Bill 823 (Poochigian). The bill now moves to the Assembly for consideration. Senate Bill 823 will make the Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) program permanent. In addition to COPS, the bill makes permanent funding for local juvenile justice programs established in the 2000 legislative session. Together, these programs will provide local communities over \$240 million annually for their effort to reduce crime in local neighborhoods.

Republican Proposal to Provide Public Safety Technology Grants Passes Senate Public Safety Committee

The Joint Republican proposal to distribute \$100 million to local police and sheriffs (minimum of \$150,000 per department) for the purchase of technology-related enhancements of public safety services received the approval of the Senate Public Safety Committee. Senate Bill 27 will be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee in the next few weeks.

I hope you find this information helpful.

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